

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print control apparatus comprising:  
a parameter acceptance unit for accepting a parameter  
5 used for trial print for each mode of the trial print; and  
a trial print instruction unit for instructing a print  
unit to execute the trial print in each mode in accordance with  
the accepted parameter.
- 10 2. The print control apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising:  
an accounting unit, wherein:  
the parameter acceptance unit accepts a trial print  
parameter for a color print mode and a trial print parameter  
15 for a monochrome print mode;  
the trial print instruction unit instructs the print unit  
to execute trial print in the color print mode and trial print  
in the monochrome print mode in accordance with the accepted  
trial print parameter for the color print mode and the accepted  
20 trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode;  
the accounting unit performs an accounting processing  
on the basis of the trial print parameter for the color print  
mode when the trial print is executed in the color print mode;  
and  
25 the accounting unit performs the accounting processing

on the basis of the trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode when the trial print is executed in the monochrome print mode.

- 5           3.     An accounting apparatus comprising:  
            a parameter retention unit for retaining a trial print parameter for a color print mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome print mode; and  
            an accounting unit, wherein:  
10           the accounting unit performs an accounting processing on the basis of the trial print parameter for the color print mode when a trial print is executed in the color print mode; and  
            the accounting unit performs the accounting processing  
15           on the basis of the trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode when the trial print is executed in the monochrome print mode.
4.     A print control method comprising:  
20           accepting a parameter used for trial print for each mode of the trial print; and  
            instructing the trial print to be executed in each mode in accordance with the accepted parameter.

- 25           5.     The print control method according to claim 4,

further comprising:

executing an accounting processing, wherein:

in the accepting of the parameter, a trial print parameter  
for a color print mode and a trial print parameter for a monochrome  
5 print mode are accepted;

in the instructing of the trial print, trial print in  
the color print mode and trial print in the monochrome print  
mode are executed in accordance with the accepted trial print  
parameter for the color print mode and the accepted trial print  
10 parameter for the monochrome print mode;

the accounting processing is executed on the basis of  
the trial print parameter for the color print mode when the  
trial print is executed in the color print mode; and

the accounting processing is executed on the basis of  
15 the trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode when  
the trial print is executed in the monochrome print mode.

6. An accounting method comprising:

retaining a trial print parameter for a color print mode  
20 and a trial print parameter for a monochrome print mode; and

executing an accounting processing on the basis of the  
trial print parameter for the color print mode when a trial  
print is executed in the color print mode;

executing the accounting processing on the basis of the  
25 trial print parameter for the monochrome print mode when the

trial print is executed in the monochrome print mode.

7. An image processing system comprising:

a processing requesting device for requesting an image

5 processing; and

a processing execution device for executing the requested  
image processing, wherein:

the processing requesting device includes:

a registration requesting unit for requesting the  
10 processing execution device to register the processing  
requesting device for a trial processing for trying the  
image processing of the processing execution device;  
and

a processing requesting unit for requesting the  
15 processing execution device to perform the trial  
processing; and

the processing execution device includes:

a registration unit for executing the requested  
registration; and

20 a trial processing execution unit for executing  
the trial processing requested by the registered  
processing requesting device.

8. The image processing system according to claim 7,

25 wherein:

the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing;

the processing execution device further includes a trial processing range setting unit for setting the processing range  
5 of the trial processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

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9. The image processing system according to claim 7, wherein:

the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing;

15 the processing execution device further includes a trial processing range setting unit for setting the processing range of the trial processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to  
20 perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

10. The image processing system according to claim 8, wherein the processing requesting device further includes a  
25 display unit for displaying a message indicating that the

requested trial processing is beyond the processing range.

11. The image processing system according to claim 8,  
wherein the trial processing execution unit of the processing  
5 execution device executes the requested trial processing within  
the set processing range.

12. The image processing system according to claim 7  
wherein:

10 an additional image is set in the trial processing; and  
the trial processing execution unit of the processing  
execution device adds the set additional image to image data  
provided as a result of the trial processing.

15 13. The image processing system according to claim 12  
further comprising:

a position designation unit for accepting designation  
of a position of the additional image, wherein:

20 the trial processing execution unit adds the set  
additional image to the image data provided as the result of  
the trial processing at the designated position.

14. The image processing system according to claim 12  
further comprising:

25 a search unit for searching for an optimum position of

the additional image, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds the set additional image to the image data provided as the result of the trial processing at the position found as a result of the  
5 searching.

15. The image processing system according to claim 7, wherein:

first points are set to the trial processing;

10 second points are set to the registered processing requesting device;

the processing execution device further includes a subtraction unit for subtracting the first points set to the executed trial processing from the second points set to the registered processing requesting device every time the  
15 requested trial processing is executed; and

the processing execution unit executes the trial processing requested by the processing requesting device corresponding to the second point during the second points are  
20 left.

16. A processing requesting device in an image processing system including the processing requesting device for requesting an image processing and a processing execution  
25 device for executing the requested image processing, the

processing requesting device comprising:

a registration requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to register the processing requesting device for a trial processing for trying the image  
5 processing of the processing execution device; and

a processing requesting unit for requesting the processing execution device to perform the trial processing.

17. The processing requesting device according to claim  
10 16, wherein:

the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to  
15 perform the trial processing included in the set processing range.

18. The processing requesting device according to claim  
16, wherein:

20 the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing; and

the processing requesting unit of the processing requesting device requests the processing execution device to perform the trial processing included in the set processing  
25 range.



19. The processing requesting device according to claim 17, further comprising:

a display unit for displaying a message indicating that  
5 the requested trial processing is beyond the processing range.

20. A processing execution device in an image processing system including a processing requesting unit for requesting an image processing and the processing execution  
10 device for executing the requested image processing, the processing execution device comprising:

a registration unit for registering the processing requesting device for a trial processing; and

a trial processing execution unit for executing the trial  
15 processing requested by the registered processing requesting device.

21. The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein:

20 the trial processing is set to have the same processing range as that of the image processing; and

the trial processing execution unit executes the requested trial processing within the set processing range.

25 22. The processing execution device according to claim

20, wherein:

the trial processing is set to have a different processing range from that of the image processing; and

the trial processing execution unit executes the requested trial processing within the set processing range.

23. The processing execution device according to claim 20, wherein:

an additional image is set in the trial processing; and

the trial processing execution unit adds the set additional image to image data provided as a result of the trial processing.

24. The processing execution device according to claim 23, further comprising:

a position designation unit for accepting designation of a position of the additional image, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds the set additional image to the image data provided as the result of the trial processing at the designated position.

25. The processing execution device according to claim 23, further comprising:

a search unit for searching for an optimum position of the additional image, wherein:

the trial processing execution unit adds the set added image to image data provided as a result of the trial processing at a position found as the result of the searching.

5           26.    The processing execution device according to claim 20, further comprising:

          a subtraction unit, wherein:

          first points are set to the trial processing;

          second points are set to the registered processing  
10   requesting device;

          the subtraction unit subtracts the first points set to the executed trial processing from the second points set to the registered processing requesting device every time the requested trial processing is executed; and

15           the trial processing execution unit executes the trial processing requested by the processing requesting device corresponding to the second points during the second points are left.

20           27.    An image processing method comprising:

          requesting to register a first device for a trial processing for trying an image processing;

          requesting to execute the trial processing;

          register the requested first device; and

25           executing the requested trial processing.